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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 3468

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SPANISH SAHARA

REF: MADRID 4926

1. IN VIEW OF MOROCCAN ROYAL COURT WORKING HABITS (INTO THE WEE HOURS OF THE MORNING FOLLOWED BY SLEEPING LATE) IT IS UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY FURTHER CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR IMPORTANT LUNCHEON CONVERSATION BEYOND RABAT 3461.

2. HOWEVER, A FURTHER THOUGHT OCCURS TO ME. IN THE RUSH OF EVENTS WE ALL HAVE CONCENTRATED ON QUESTION WHETHER IN FACT A MOROCCAN-ALGERIAN AGREEMENT EXISTS AND MAY HAVE TEMPORARILY LOST SIGHT OF WHAT IT IS IF IN FACT IT EXISTS.

3. KING MADE THREE POINTS WHICH CONTAINED IN RABAT 3412 (WE ARE STILL WAITING FOR FURTHER REPORT FROM DEPSECDEF PARTY).

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A. NO ALGERIAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IF AND WHEN MOROCCANS

MOVE INTO SAHARA.

B. NO REPETITION OF 1963 WAR.

C. ALGERIA HAS NO TERRITORIAL CLAIMS ON SAHARA.

NOW BENSOUDA (RABAT 3461) HAS LET FURTHER CAT OUT OF THE BAG WITH
FIRST PRIVATE OFFICIAL WORD THAT KING IS HOLDING OUT
(OR HAS PROMISED) BORDER RATIFICATION AS EVENTUAL PRIZE FOR
ALGERIAN GOOD BEHAVIOR.

4. IN OTHER WORDS MOROCCANS NEVER CLAIMED THAT ALGERIANS HAD
AGREED TO ABANDON STAND FAVORING PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION.
ALGERIAN REP ICJ ARGUMENT AS FAR AS KNOWN HERE THEREFORE DOES
NOT SEEM OUT OF LINE WITH BENSOUDA'S STATEMENT OF GRADUAL ALGERIAN
WINDING-DOWN NOR IN CONFLICT WITH WHAT KING ASSERTED WE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOUTEFLIKA, BOUMEDIENE AND HIMSELF.

5. NATURALLY MOROCCAN PRESS AND OFFICIAL WHO EXPECTED HUNDRED
PERCENT ALGERIAN FLIP FLOP DISAPPOINTED BUT THIS DOES NOT APPEAR
TO BE KING'S VIEW.
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